

Whaling Stations Bill.

MEMORANDUM.

Some years ago Norway, in the belief that the killing of whales was ruining the herring fishery, absolutely forbade whaling stations to be worked, and in 1908 the business was started at Roeness Voe, Shetland, by two Norwegian companies; since then other stations have been set up, and the great herring fishery on the west coast of Shetland has further suffered.

This Bill empowers the Fishery Board to prohibit the working of such stations during the summer herring fishery, and to defray all expenses incurred by local authorities for inspection of such stations.

Also to forbid until expiry of three years working of any stations hereafter established on the coasts of Great Britain and Ireland.

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Provide for the closing of existing Whaling Stations A.D. 1908.
 during the Summer Herring Fishing, and to prohibit
 Whaling Stations being established in the future on
 any part of the shores of Great Britain and Ireland.

BE it enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and
 with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and
 Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled,
 and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

- 5 1. The Fishery Board of Scotland is hereby empowered to
 prohibit working of any whaling stations during the summer
 herring fishery, and while such stations are permitted to carry on
 their operations *the said Board shall defray all expenses incurred*
by local authority in regulating and inspecting such stations.
 10 Until the *thirty-first day of December nineteen hundred and*
eleven it shall not be lawful to work whaling stations hereafter
 established on any portion of the coasts of Great Britain and
 Ireland.

2. This Act may be cited as the Whale Fisheries (Scotland) Short title.
 15 Amendment Act, 1908.